# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

JACKIE MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Russell Martinez,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CIV 14-0534 KG/WPL

JOSEPH SALAZAR, in his individual capacity, GREG ESPARZA, in his individual capacity, THE ESPANOLA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY and THE CITY OF ESPANOLA,

Defendants.

## BY THE DIRECTION OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH J. GONZALES:

## SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF CIVIL JURY TRIAL

**IT IS ORDERED** that the above entitled action is hereby set for a **JURY SELECTION**/ **TRIAL** on Plaintiff's claim in Count I of the First Amended Complaint for Damages, for violation of the Fourth Amendment under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Defendant Joseph Salazar beginning **AUGUST 28, 2017, at 9:00 AM** before the Honorable Kenneth J. Gonzales. Trial will be held at the U.S. District Courthouse, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Mimbres Courtroom, **100 N. Church Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico**.

Event	Date/Deadline
JURY SELECTION/TRIAL	August 28, 2017 (5 days)
Jury Instructions	due July 28, 2017
Motions in Limine	due July 28, 2017
Responses to Motions in Limine	due August 8, 2017
Amended Pretrial Order	due August 10, 2017
Pretrial Conference	August 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Mimbres Courtroom, 100 N. Church St., Las Cruces, NM

Inquiries regarding this setting should be directed to Theresa A. Hall, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Kenneth J. Gonzales at (575) 528-1641. *See* Judge Gonzales' pretrial instructions for civil cases attached hereto or visit the Honorable Kenneth J. Gonzales' Chambers Page at www.nmcourt.fed.us.

MATTHEW J. DYKMAN, Clerk

# PRETRIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE KENNETH J. GONZALES UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<u>Trial Preparation in Civil Cases</u> – The following procedures shall be followed unless otherwise determined by the Court.

#### I. Pretrial Conferences

- 1. **An Initial Pretrial Conference** may be set approximately two months prior to trial. At this pretrial conference, counsel shall be prepared to discuss the substance of all pending motions. This means the Judge may ask you questions about the merits of pending motions. Parties should inform Judge Gonzales of any motions in limine that they plan to file. Please bring draft copies of the Pretrial Order. The Judge will go over the witnesses identified in the Pretrial Order and provide the various deadlines necessary to complete and file the Pretrial Order. Counsel shall also be prepared to address any unresolved issues prior to the commencement of the trial.
- 2. **Call of the Calendar**, if necessary, will be set approximately two weeks prior to trial.
- 3. **A Final Pretrial Conference** will be set closer to trial. Prior to this pretrial conference, the parties should exchange exhibit lists. During this pretrial conference, the parties shall inform Judge Gonzales if there are going to be objections to exhibits so the Judge can rule on objections prior to trial. Parties should contact Theresa A. Hall, judicial assistant, in writing if discovery deadlines are extended beyond the final pretrial conference date in order to allow her to vacate the final pretrial conference and reset it for a later date. Theresa A. Hall's phone number is 575-528-1641.

#### II. PRETRIAL DEADLINES

- 1. Throughout these pretrial instructions, the term "trial" refers to the date set in the written notice for commencement of the trailing docket.
- 2. Counsel must seek leave of the Court in the form of a written motion to extend any pretrial deadline.
- 3. Where a submission deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the deadline becomes the next business day.

Event	Deadline	Comment
Exhibit List	Thirty (30) days before	Counsel for each party shall file with
	trial	the Clerk and provide to opposing
		counsel, a proposed exhibit list. A
		list of stipulated exhibits shall also be
		filed at this time.
	Twenty (20) days before	Counsel for each party shall file with
	trial	the Clerk a complete list of all
		objections to the exhibits offered,
		specifying the Rule of Evidence or
		other legal authority upon which an
		objection is based.
Witness List	Twenty (20) days before	Counsel shall furnish a complete list
	trial	of witnesses in the order to be called
		to opposing counsel and file a list
		with the Clerk in conformance with
Danagitian Tagtimany	Fifteen (15) days before	the Pretrial Order.
Deposition Testimony	Fifteen (15) days before trial	Deposition testimony designations shall be filed with the Clerk fifteen
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Objections to	Twelve (12) days before	Objections to use of deposition
Deposition Testimony	trial	testimony shall be filed with the
<b>Designations</b>	u i ai	Clerk twelve (12) days before trial.
Designations		The parties must confer about any
		disputes and, if unable to resolve any
		differences, must notify the Court in
		writing.
<b>Motions in Limine</b>	Thirty (30) days before	Responses are due twenty (20) days
	trial	before trial. Replies to motions in
		limine will not be entertained unless
		specifically requested and allowed.
Daubert Motions	Same as the pretrial	Parties shall provide advance notice
	motion deadline set by	of intent to introduce or challenge
	the Magistrate Judge in	expert testimony so that the Court has
	the Scheduling Order	sufficient time before the trial to
		schedule a <i>Daubert</i> hearing, if
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<b>Jury Instructions</b>	Thirty (30) days before	Please refer to detailed requirements
Toint Statement of the	trial  Fifteen (15) days before	for jury instructions set out herein.
Joint Statement of the	Fifteen (15) days before trial	The parties shall submit a brief joint statement of the case to be submitted
Case	uiai	together with the jury instructions.
Voir Dire Questions	Fifteen (15) days before	Any party wishing to participate in
von Due Questions	trial	voir dire must file proposed voir dire
	uiui	questions with the Clerk.
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Bench Trials:	Ten (10) days before trial	Parties are to file with the Clerk
Proposed Findings of		proposed Findings of Fact and
Fact and		Conclusions of Law, with references
<b>Conclusions of Law</b>		to exhibits and proposed testimony.
Bench Trials:	Seven (7) days before	Trial briefs outlining the basic legal
Trial Briefs	trial	theories, anticipated evidence in
		support of such theories, and the legal
		basis of any anticipated evidentiary
		disputes must be filed with Clerk.

#### III. <u>Exhibits</u>

- 1. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EFFICIENCY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COURT'S RECORD OF THE PARTIES' NUMEROUS EXHIBITS

  DURING TRIAL, PARTIES SHALL FILE THEIR FINAL EXHIBIT LISTS

  WITH THE COURT PRIOR TO TRIAL. Charts, plats, diagrams, etc., will be marked and ready as to measurements, landmarks, and other identifying factual material before trial. Counsel is strongly encouraged to stipulate to exhibits wherever possible, particularly regarding their authenticity.
- 2. Exhibits shall be marked and identified (Plaintiff's on *yellow* labels by *numbers* and Defendant's on *blue* labels by *letters*, e.g., A,B,C,...AA, AB, AC). Use of exhibit notebooks (Plaintiff's and Defendant's) is encouraged for those exhibits to which neither party has objections.

## IV. WITNESSES

- 1. Clients and witnesses are expected to be on time, and counsel should always have witnesses available to fill a full trial day (*i.e.*, 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.).
- 2. All expert reports must have been exchanged in advance of trial in accordance with Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Cumulative expert testimony will not be permitted.

#### V. DEPOSITION TESTIMONY

- 1. Consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, deposition testimony may be introduced into evidence.
- 2. If a deposition is used in part, counsel shall mark the parts to be used for opposing counsel. The court copy shall also be marked. Plaintiff will use *yellow* marker and Defendant *blue* marker. This does not apply to cross-examination or rebuttal.

## VI. GUIDELINES FOR TRIAL

- 1. Trials will begin at 9:00 a.m. Counsel shall be in the courtroom no later than 8:30 a.m. and be prepared to discuss any matter that should be addressed outside the presence of the jury. Be on time for each court session. Counsel shall follow the time as displayed on the clock inside the courtroom. Trial engagements take precedence over any other business. If you have matters in other courts, make other arrangements in advance for the handling of such matters.
- 2. A multi-day jury trial will recess at about 5:00 p.m. The Court generally will recess each morning and afternoon for a 15-minute comfort break and a 60-minute lunch break for attorneys (75-minutes for the jury).
- 3. Stand when you speak. Do not refer to any party or attorney by their first name. Always use surnames. Always address the Court only; do not address or argue with opposing counsel in the presence of the jury. If counsel must confer with one another, please request permission of the Court for a moment to do so privately and quietly.
- 4. In opening statements, present a concise summary of the facts. Do not argue the facts nor discuss law. Do not describe in detail what particular witnesses will say. The time for opening statements will be limited to the amount of time determined by the Court. Counsel will be responsible for monitoring their own time limit, but the Court may remind counsel if s/he exceeds limit.
- 5. When you object in the presence of the jury, make it short and to the point. Do not argue its merits in the presence of the jury. Do not argue the ruling in the presence of the jury.
- 6. Remain behind the podium when addressing the Court or speaking to the jury.
- 7. In final argument, you may paraphrase an instruction but do not quote extensively from any instruction.
- 8. Parties should notify the Court at least <u>two</u> weeks in advance of trial if they require audio-visual or other special equipment. If parties are unfamiliar with the operation of courtroom technology, they shall make arrangements with my judicial assistant, Theresa Hall at (575)528-1640, to schedule a time to test and run the equipment. Parties are responsible for operating any of this equipment. Please bring in actual DVD(s) and/or other electronic or technical exhibits to be used in the trial to assure their compatibility with the Court's equipment.

## VII. PREPARATION OF JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare your proposed jury instructions in accordance with these directions. File the proposed jury instructions with citations with the Clerk's office in accordance with D.N.M. LR-Cv 5.1 at least **THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** before trial is scheduled. Refer to the Court's external website in order access Judge Gonzales's trial preparation materials: www.nmcourt.fed.us.

- 1. Parties shall meet and confer in advance of the deadline to agree on as many instructions as possible. PARTIES SHALL SUBMIT A SET OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE JURY INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE CLAIMS, OR BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A LEGAL BASIS FOR THEIR OBJECTIONS TO EACH INSTRUCTION ON WHICH THEY DO NOT AGREE.
- 2. Parties shall file **written objections** to an opposing parties' submitted instructions. These objections are due **THREE** (3) working days after jury instructions are due.
- 3. The **Joint Statement of the Case** should be submitted at the same time the jury instructions are submitted, but should be filed separately.
- 4. **IN ADDITION TO ELECTRONICALLY FILING THEIR SUBMISSIONS REGARDING JURY INSTRUCTIONS**, Plaintiff and Defendant shall submit to the Court through the email address (kjgproposedtext@nmcourt.fed.us) on the chambers web page for proposed orders, the following: (1) the set of mutually acceptable jury instructions; (2) disputed jury instructions; (3) proposed special verdict forms; and (4) joint statement of the case.
- 5. The requested instructions and Joint Statement of the Case must be submitted in Word or Rich Text format.
- 6. Jury instructions without citations are no longer needed.
- 7. <u>Directions regarding submission of STOCK instructions</u>: Parties should not submit stock instructions. Instead, parties should refer to the Court's approved set of stock instructions, available on the chambers web page under "Stock Civil Jury Instructions." Parties should include a separate page with a list of requested stock instructions as each is described at the bottom of the web site instructions. The parties should refer to Tenth Circuit pattern civil instructions for substantive instructions.
- 8. Carefully proofread each instruction for errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and citations, and for unintended deviations from pattern instructions used as sources.

- 9. Submit a cover sheet on all sets of instructions.
- 10. Submit no more than one instruction per page. (See Fig. 1 below).

#### (PLTF'S) OR (DEFT'S) OR (JOINT) INSTRUCTION NO. 1

Members of the Jury,

You have now heard all of the evidence in the case and will soon hear the final arguments of the lawyers for the parties.

It becomes my duty, therefore, to instruct you on the rules of law that you must follow and apply in arriving at your decision in the case.

Citation . . .

Fig.1 with Citation